supply of drugs and absence of ICU in the 500 bedded ESI Model Hospital in Rajajinagar, Bangalore, has caused great hardship to patients;

(b) the steps if any taken to provide ICU facility and ensure proper supply of drugs; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to hand over this hospital to the Karnataka Government for proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation had allocated Rs. 315 lacs for purchase of drugs and dressings in the budget of ESI Hospital-Rajajinagar, Bangalore for the financial year 2004-05 and no incidence of shortage of drugs has came to the notice. ICU services are being provided through tie-up arrangements made with M.S. Ramiah Hospital.

(c) No, Sir.

Guidelines for child labour

3264. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the guidelines on child labour;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that many States are not implementing the guidelines; and

(d) if so, the action taken against these States for non- compliance of the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After the enactment of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Government had adopted the National Policy on Child Labour in 1987 which contains the following action plan:-

- A legislation action plan,
- Focusing of general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible, and
- Project-based plan of action for launching of projects for the welfare of working children in areas of high concentration of child labour.

In pursuance of the Policy, the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) scheme was initiated in 1988. The scheme was revised in 2003 with a view to eliminating child labour from hazardous occupations by the end of 10th Plan period. Accordingly, the State Governments have been requested to implement the scheme in the child labour endemic districts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of wages

†3265. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the wage of daily wages labourers;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to amend the labour laws;

(c) if so, whether any discussion has been made with the recognized National Labour Organizations; and

(d) if so, its time-frame with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Wages of daily wage labourers engaged in the scheduled employments are reviewed by the appropriate Governments under the existing provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Employment through retail market

†3266. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment is being provided to people through retail market of the country;

(b) if so, the number of persons of the country provided employment during the year 2005 through this medium; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.